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REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the opportunity to personally discuss the merits of the present application at an interview on June 29, 2004.

As agreed to at the interview, the claims proposed in the response to the final office action distinguish over the cited references. Applicant understands that those amendments will now be entered.

As discussed at the interview, the term "independent" as used in the claims is intended to mean that a change in one configuration database is not necessarily accompanied by a corresponding change in the other configuration database.

Claim amendments

Applicant amends independent method claim 9 to refer to first and second configuration databases that are independent of each other as the term is used in the context of claim 1. The claims dependent on claim 9 are amended as needed for consistency with claim 1. Applicant expects that as amended these claims are allowable for at least the same reason as claim 1.

New claims

Applicant presents new method claims that correspond to the system claims. Since the system claims are deemed to recite allowable subject matter, Applicant expects that these claims will likewise be considered to recite patentable subject matter.

Summary

Now pending in this application are claims 1-20, of which claims 1, 9, and 14 are independent. All claims are believed to be allowable. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, to the extent fees are due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket "07072-922001."

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